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SENATOR PAUL in his Nottoway speech boasted of the victory for Kearneyism in California, and said the same sort of revolution would sweep Virginia. Kearney is the same man who stumped Massachusetts last year in the interest of Best Butler.

THE RICHMOND WITTO says it has no difference with the official exhibits of our principal indebtedness, upon which a discussion can be raised, but objects to the capitalization of interest under the Broker's Bill, and will prevent that if it can. In other words the Witto is willing to put the principal of the debt at what the Auditor states it to be, and will pay 8 per cent. on that. It does object to funding the unpaid interest at 50 cts. on the dollar, and it objects to paying up to 4 per cent. ten years hence.

PAUL and DANIEL make very free with their jokes on the stump. Paul calls Daniel a tramp and Daniel calls him Paul the Apostate. And yet these two Johns with the Scripture surnames don't fight, but get along as peaceably as the other Daniel did with the lions.

Zulu cousins we presume, Cetewayo and Cetesmith.

Ranoke College.
OPENING OF THE NEW LIBRARY BUILDING, OCTOBER 17TH.

A new Library Building, has just been completed, and the Library placed in it. It is a handsome brick edifice, in the Gothic style of architecture. It is called BUTLER MEMORIAL, in honor of the late President Butler of the College. This building will be formally opened on the 17th of October. On the day named, Professor S. Carson Wells, A. M., Ph. D., will deliver an address commemorative of the life and work of Dr. Butler. An address on "The Library will be delivered by Rev. D. F. Charles P. Knauth, D. D., LL. D., Vice President of the University of Pennsylvania.

In connection with the opening of the new building, the Faculty request every friend of the College to make a memorial offering of at least one volume to the Library; or, if more convenient, to contribute to the Mineral Cabinet and Museum. A permanent record of all gifts made will be preserved.

A Library Register will be provided before the opening of the building, and every person present at the ceremonies will be requested to register his name. All friends of the college are invited to attend.

On the same day (October 17th.) Prof. Julius D. Dreher will be formally inaugurated as President of Ranoke College.

AWAY OUT IN LEE.

Virginia's Wonders.

Curious Caves near Pennington's Gap—A Primitive People.

A young man connected with the Harvard University corps of scientists and pupils, now on an expedition to the Cumberland mountains, writes from Pennington Gap, Va., some interesting facts regarding that region. He says: "The last week or ten days I have devoted mainly to examining caves. There are numerous small and a few large caverns in the limestone hills about here, but none of them have any true cave-beetles. In one cave I descended into a pit by means of a rope, and from this pit into a second pit, in which I found the floor strewn with bones of cave-bear, cave-men, and five or six other animals, all of which I got out and packed for the survey. The largest cavern I have examined is only two miles from camp. I have spent three entire days in exploring it, of course returning to camp each night. Of three passages examined, I reached the end of but one. I walked for four hours through one series of chambers, which constantly increased in size as I went on, and was obliged to turn back without finding any end, simply because I could not carry in mind the many landmarks that had to be remembered on the return.

This cave contains the most exquisite stalactite and gypsum formations. One large chamber is lined for half a mile with delicate frost-work of crystal and snow. The walls seem to be draped with folds of ermine puffed with bunches of ostrich plumes. In other places are sloping banks covered with an apparently vegetable growth of fungi, moss, and ferns, but all formed of stalactite needles or bunches of white, brown, rose-pink, and crystal-clear gypsum. There are pillow masses, like couches of elder down, inviting the tired explorer to repose, but stinging like nettles the hand that brushes, no matter how lightly, against their bristling points. There are ledges, like the shelves of a museum, stored with branching coral. This part of the cave exhibits the perfection of

this kind of cave ornamentation, and was said by members of the survey to be unusual in its extent and beauty. Other parts contain curious stalactite and stalagmite formations such as one seen in many other caves, halls of statuary, giant coffins, waterfalls, organs, and unexpected imitations of natural and artificial objects. As a "moonshiner" expressed it, "they hadn't nary thing that grow'd but what you'd find hid in them air caves, sir."

Very few of the caves in this region have been disturbed by visitors; some of them have certainly never entered, and this lends an added charm to their exploration. One feels a thrill of peculiar pleasure in looking upon any wonders never before seen by the eye of man. I would be glad to spend several months longer in this part of Virginia in order to become acquainted with the people here. The Virginia line here makes a loop into Kentucky, including a pocket in the mountains. Pennington's Gap is the only wagon-pass into this country from any side. Owing to its peculiar position it is a particularly favorable spot for small illicit distilleries and for fugitives from justice, who can on short notice make their escape into either Kentucky or Tennessee, through mountain passes over which a horse can with difficulty be led. Moreover, there exists a race, of German parentage, the descendants of the first colonists of North Carolina. These people were originally imported by a great land company that owned large tracts in the Carolinas. They were collected in the low countries of Germany and sent over in ship loads, the company paying a certain amount per head for every emigrant that passed over the gang-plank. From North Carolina the remnants of them have spread over portions of Kentucky, Tennessee, and Virginia, and from today the lowest type of the population in these mountains. They are not a vicious people, but are simply brutally ignorant, and live the most primitive of lives, knowing scarcely anything of the civilization by which they are surrounded. In their cabins you will not find a single article of furniture, except a kettle and one or two pots and dishes. The true Virginians, who form the bulk of the people, are, however, usually a fine class of men, very hospitable and law-abiding, except in a few bad districts. There are no negroes in these mountains, and the women and children run from a black man as they would from a wild animal.

The laws here are enforced in a very summary and primitive fashion, and punishment follows almost immediately on the commission of a crime. The squire administers justice in almost all cases without troubling higher courts. For all criminal cases of the lesser sort, and for thefts under five dollars, a sound thrashing is administered. Yesterday we witnessed the whipping of three men for stealing corn. Our storekeeper, Mr. Kelley, is the magistrate here. The fellows were brought before him and tried; they confessed, and were each sentenced to seven cuts. Squire Kelley himself went into the woods and cut three stout hickory sticks, a constable was sworn on the spot, the prisoners were taken out in front of the store, tied up, and whipped.

White House Whiskey.
Special to the Cincinnati Commercial.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 2.—There has been considerable amusement in Washington to-day over the discovery and seizure by revenue officers of a well appointed illicit distillery directly in front of the White House and only two blocks and a half from it, and situated where the smoke from its fire could be seen from the White House windows and from those of Congressmen's offices. The capacity of the still was found to be about 300 gallons. It was situated on the third floor of a prominent building in the fashionable quarter of the town and on a fashionable street, less than a block from some of the most prominent private residences in the city. The entire equipment of a distillery of the capacity of 300 gallons was found upon the third floor, the lower floor being used as a provision store, while on the upper floors were lodgings for the workmen about the establishment. The only effort that had been made at concealment consisted in nailing paper for curtains over the front windows, and one window had been enlarged by breaking out a portion of the walls, and tubes and other machinery of the distillery had been brought in through a rear gate opening upon what is considered the most fashionable street in the city. The revenue officers, however, had been watching this place for some time and the arrests made to-day were up on the occasion of the first starting of the establishment for active business. The proprietor of the provision store, who, with his two sons, seemed the chief owners, the employees, and carpenters who put in the tubes, were arrested and taken before a United States Commissioner. It is expected that other parties employed in fitting up various parts of the establishment will be arrested before morning.

It is said that the sword worn by the Prince Imperial when killed by the Zulus will be presented to the Empress by Lord Chelmsford.

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AN INDIANA WONDER. Discovery of a Subterranean Gallery of Prehistoric Paintings.

Special to the Cincinnati Commercial.

VINCENNES, IND., Sept. 6.—On yesterday an old gentleman by the name of Shassern, living about eight miles south-east of here, in that section of the country long known as Chimney Pierre Hills, (the name was derived from an ancient pier, or pillar, of stone, now demolished, about fifteen feet high, shaped like a chimney, with a sunken square in the base, as though cut out for a fireplace, and supposed by many to be a relic of those wonderful prehistoric people, the Mound-builders), came to the city and detailed the wonderful discovery of a cavern cut in the solid rock, which, if as represented, will take its place as among the most remarkable and wonderful of archaeological discoveries.

The account of the discovery as given by Mr. Shassern is as follows: Early yesterday morning he started out in search of a sheep which had strayed from his flock. Following along a little path through the hazel skirting the foot of the immense laid table of rocks, known as Chimney Pierre, he heard the faint bleating of a sheep, apparently torn from behind a great standing splinter from the mass, until a broad fissure parted the two. Thinking his animal had become entangled in this fissure, he sought to steal around a fragment next to precipitous bluff, when he lost his footing and fell over some fifteen feet, alighting upon a smooth, flat stone, concealed in a dense mass of undergrowth. To his intense alarm the stone began to sink beneath the surface, and before he could recover from his fall he found himself in the midst of a vestibule cut out of the solid rock, the walls of which were adorned with the most vividly colored paintings of men and animals. The ceiling, which was domed-shaped, and about eleven feet above the floor, was adorned with the figure of a giant sized man in the act of placing fagots in what appeared to be designed to represent the sun. Upon the sides were painted in black and brown colors the figures of animals he says he never saw even pictured—huge tusked and trunked beasts like elephants, with masses of shaggy hair falling about their heads and shoulders; great eagle-like birds striped like tigers and with tusks protruding from their mouths. In the midst of all this throng of wild beasts, upon a yellow back ground, he delineated the form of a man, seated in some kind of a vehicle, much like from Mrs. Shassern's description—an ancient Roman chariot. The whole of these paintings here inscriptions which could not be read. On one facade of this prehistoric temple (for such it must have been) this artist of antiquity had depicted birds and fowls, curious and gorgeous, scarce after score of them, says Mr. Shassern, none of which he could recognize as now common in this country. The colors he describes as peculiarly charming and bright.

Your correspondent and a party of scientific gentlemen will make a careful examination of this remarkable cavern, when further interesting facts will be detailed.

\$10,000 in 5 Minutes.

The Nashville American of Tuesday last makes the following remarks touching W. J. Berlin, a prominent member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen and Vice President of the Knights of Honor Relief Board, died of yellow fever, Sunday last, at 8 o'clock, after ten days' sickness. A fortunate and praiseworthy event connected with his last moments, occurred on the third day of his sickness. He had a life insurance policy of ten thousand dollars in the Connecticut Mutual. Payment of the premium was due, and Mr. Berlin was unable to meet it. The President of the Knights of Honor Relief Board, in company with C. A. Gaston and Howell Sigler, both of the Western Union Telegraph Company, and J. T. B., affected arrangements to take up the note through the kindness of the acting cashier of the Bank of Commerce, James W. Crocker. They had only five minutes to go on when Mr. Crocker came to their aid. This generous act saved to the family of Mr. Berlin ten thousand dollars. Mr. Crocker is also a Knight of Honor.

The Southern Planter and Farmer for August is an unusually good number. Every article it contains is of vital importance to the farmer. "Interesting Experiences in the cultivation of Wheat, Best Varieties, Fertilizers, &c." by a number of the best farmers in the country is worth double the subscription. Also, Dr. Eli's article on Green Fallow Crops, Animal Manures and Commercial Fertilizers is a strong paper, and ought to be read by every farmer. Send \$2.00 to Dr. L. R. DICKERSON, Richmond, Va.

The Planets in September.

Jupiter is evening star, and religiously prime among the glittering hosts that on moonless nights make the firmament tremble with brightness. A huge commotion is taking place in his cloud zone, and a rent 18,000 miles in diameter is

conspicuous on his chaotic surface, through which, some observers think, we catch a glimpse of the red-hot body of the planet as it lies beneath the cloudy envelope. Moreover, the delicately tinted zones that diversify the disk, give evidence of mighty changes. The great central belt seems to be broken up into the great central belt seems to be broken up into masses of white clouds; the copper-colored outer belts have invaded the equatorial regions; narrow, irregular, salmon-colored belts adorn the surface about half way to the poles, and the blue coloring about the poles has perceptibly diminished in intensity. Venus is evening star during the greater portion of the month, but her brilliant beauty is almost obscured by her approach to the sun. On the 25th a great epoch appears in her history, for she comes into inferior conjunction with the sun, and reappearing on his western side as morning star.

Saturn is ranked among the morning stars, though he rises now about 8 o'clock; at the end of the month he will rise a few minutes after 6. He is growing brighter and larger as he rapidly approaches the earth, coming into opposition early next month. He may readily be found on moonless evenings, rising about two hours after Jupiter, and farther north.

Mars is morning star, and rapidly assuming proportions that during the next month will make him the observed of all observers. He rises now at half-past 6, on the last of the month at 8 o'clock.

On the 14th, Mercury and Uranus are in conjunction, and on the 20th Mercury and Venus are in conjunction, but the all-powerful sun hides the celestial pictures from mortal vision.

Uranus is morning star, but as he is invisible to the naked eye, his movements are not of much account.

The September moon comes into conjunction with Saturn on the 3d, with Uranus and Mercury on the 14th. The new moon of the 15th is in conjunction with Venus on the same day, with Jupiter on the 27th, and with Saturn on the 30th.

Approaching the full she shines each night with increasing lustre, until on the last day of the month, rising in full-orbital radiance above the horizon as soon as the sun has set, she pours a flood of silver light over the earth that seems to prolong the day and eclipse all but a few of the brightest of the stars.

Write Them a Letter To-night.

Don't go to the theatre, grange or hall, but stay in your room to-night. Deny yourself of the friends that call, and a good long letter write. Write to the sad old folks at home, who sit when the play is done, with folded hands and downcast eyes, and think of the absent one.

Don't selfishly scribble to ease my lust, I've scarcely the time to write. Least their brooding thoughts go wandering back.

To many a by-gone night, When they lost their needed sleep and rest, And every breath was a prayer— That God would leave their delicate babe To their tender love and care.

Don't let them feel that you've no more need

Of their love and counsel wise; For the heart grows strangely sensitive When age has dimmed the eyes— It might be well to let them believe You never forgot them quite; That you deem it a pleasure when far away, A good long letter to write.

Don't think that the young and giddy friends, Who make your past time gay, Have half the anxious thoughts for you That the old folks have to-day; The duty of writing do not put off; Let sleep or pleasure wait, Least the letter for which they looked and longed Be a day or an hour too late.

For the sad old folks at home, With locks fast turning white, Are longing to hear of the absent one— Write them a letter to-night.

The Hog Family on the Cars.

"Can I have half of this seat?" "No, sir!" shouted the occupant, who was trying to spread himself over the whole of it. "I represent a whole church, and am on my way to Potosky, to camp-meeting!" "Now, you look a here!" said the man as he reached over and secured two terrible grips on the selfish man's body. "I don't represent nobody nor nothing, and I read of hell on my way to camp-meeting." "I spect I'm on the high road to blazes, but you want to yell out mighty quick which half of this seat you didn't pay for!" It wasn't thirty seconds before the man on the high road to blazes had all the seat he wanted.

A woman who comes into church half an hour late in order to show off her good clothes should be looked upon militarily. She is simply making room in heaven for two women in calico.—Detroit Free Press.

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April 1, 1879-1y

The Charleston News says that the new Custom House in that city is one of the handsomest buildings in the country.

Graves co., Ky., is a paradise for husband-hunters. Since January 1, there has been one hundred and two marriages. Go up girls.

The Spanish Government has decided to send 20,000 troops to Cuba to maintain the peace there, and will make strong protests against the violation of neutrality by our Government.

It is estimated that 3,000,000 bushels of shell oysters will be taken from Virginia waters this year. The value of oysters handled by the Norfolk packers amount annually to \$350,000.

Col. Smith, who married Horace Greeley's eldest daughter, has entered the lecture field with the subject, "The True Ideal for American Youth." It has been said of him that he is the handsomest man in America Queen Victoria going so far as to say he is the handsomest man in the world.

Sarah Bernhardt's American engagement is at least signed and sealed and the exact terms have been published by authority of her manager, Henry Barrett, in the London Era. She is to go, not this season, but in September, 1880, she is to receive \$600 for each performance and \$20 a day for her personal expenses. Mr. Barrett defraying all other charges of every kind, including steamer passages and railroad fares. Previous to her American tour, Miss Bernhardt will play in Russia, Holland and Belgium.

As he was ascending the pulpit steps one of the elders buttoned him to whisper an addition caution. "The liquor dealer has just come into church, and he gives us a lift sometimes. I wish you would be particular not to allude to the whiskey business or the temperance question." The young minister, getting frightened to see the moral ground thus steadily narrowing before him, inquired: "Whom or what shall I speak against then?" The elder's reply came with an air of triumph: "French against the Mormons; they haven't got a friend in town."—Stevensville, Ind. Herald.

It is estimated that the annual consumption of railroad ties or sleepers is 40,000,000; or 30 years' growth of 75,000 acres. In view of the rapid depletion of our forests for railroads and other purposes, it would be well if we should hasten in following the example of European States in the adoption of iron cross-ties.

Fall Plowing.

The better preparation of the ground the better the crop. The high average yield of the English farms is no doubt due to the thorough preparation of the ground before seeding. Our climate is superior to that of England for wheat growing; yet a yield of sixty-four bushels per acre is not at all uncommon among farmers there, while here forty bushels per acre is an unusual yield. Two plowing several harrowings, and in many cases, rolling or crusting, and the excellent preparation of the soil by previous root crop, must have a much better effect upon the soil than one plowing, poorly done, because of the hardness and dryness of our soil in midsummer, and very imperfect harrowing. It might be well for us to lay out more labor on our wheat crop, and so prepare the ground better, and raise our average from twelve to at least twenty bushels per acre. The difference in the amount of wheat at harvest would pay for a good deal of extra work in plowing, etc., and yet have a profit; besides the soil would not forget the generous treatment in one year nor two.

Professional Cards.

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A. H. BLANCHARD, ATTORNEY-AT-LAW, BRISTOL, TENN. Office over King & Hill's Book Store.

H. S. GOKIN, ATTORNEY-AT-LAW AND COLLECTING AGENT, Will attend all the Courts of Sullivan, Washington and Carter counties, Tenn. Office in Law Building on 5th St., Bristol, Tenn. In care of Bailey & McGroskey's office. Aug. 8, 79-1y

H. C. ALDERSON, ATTORNEY-AT-LAW, AND GENERAL COLLECTING AGENTS, TAZEWELL, C. H., VA.

Will be in regular attendance on the courts of Tazewell, the circuit court of all of Washington and Russell counties and Federal court at Abingdon. Special attention given to the claims of creditors against bankrupts in the Federal court at Abingdon.

G. L. YORK, A. FULKERSON, YORK & FULKERSON, ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW, PRACTICE regularly in all the Courts in Washington county, Va., and in Washington and Sullivan counties, Tenn., and attend to the collection of all claims in Southwest Va. & E. Tennessee. OFFICE on Cumberland Street, Goodson, Va. Sep 1 79-1y

D. F. BAILEY, W. D. McGROSKY, BAILEY & McGROSKY, ATTORNEYS AND SOLICITORS, BRISTOL, TENN. & VA. Attend all the Courts in Sullivan and Washington Counties, Tenn., Washington and Scott, Va., and Federal Court at Knoxville and Abingdon. Aug 12-1y

H. S. PRESTON, ATTORNEY-AT-LAW, ARINGDON, - - - VIRGINIA. PRACTICE in all the Courts of Washington and Russell counties, Circuit Court of Scott and Lee, and in Federal court at Abingdon. Nov. 26-1y

Medical.

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Bristol Female COLLEGE.

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D. C. WESTER, A. M., President, BRISTOL, Tenn. June 16, 79-1y

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